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SUBJECT: BLACK HEBREW ARTICLES IN HAARETZ AND HAARIV

ARTICLES ON THE BLACK HEBREWS APPEARED IN THE HEBREW
LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS HAARETZ AND HAARIV ON NOVEMBER
6, 1980. THERE FOLLOWS ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS:

HAARETZ QUOTE

M. ARTZIELI: "WE HAD BETTER DIE IN ISRAEL AND NOT BE DEPOR-
TED. SOLDIERS AND POLICEMEN MAY BE SENT TO DRIVE US OUT
BY FORCE. THEY MAY EVEN SHOOT AT US. BUT WE SHALL TAKE
EVERY STEP TO RESIST THEM", BLACK HEBREW LEADER BEN.AMI
CARTER TOLD HAARETZ YESTERDAY. HE STRONGLY COMPLAINED
ABOUT THE "SYSTEMATIC DEFAMATION CAMPAIGN" LAUNCHED
AGAINST THE BLACK HEBREWS BY THE ISRAELI PRESS, NOTING
THAT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE GLASS COMMITTEE REPORT WERE
ACCEPTABLE TO THEM AND THAT THE METHOD OF BLAMING AN
ENTIRE COMMUNITY FOR THE ALLEGED MISDEEDS OF ONE OF ITS
MEMBERS WAS REMINISCENT OF THE TREATMENT OF JEWS BY
ANTISEMITES.

DIMONA MAYOR MK JACQUES AMIR SENT A CABLE TO THE PREMIER
YESTERDAY, ASKING FOR AN URGENT MEETING ON THE SUBJECT.
MR. AMIR IS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RELUCTANCE
TO GO ALONG WITH THE GLASS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.
THE BLACK HEBREWS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE STATUS OF PERMANENT
ISRAELI CITIZENS AND PERMITTED TO SET UP THEIR OWN SETTLE-
MENT IN THE NEGEV, HE SAID.

HAARIV QUOTE

"THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE US FEARS THAT AMERICAN BLACKS
MAY RESPOND WITH VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST JEWS IF THE GOI
DECIDES TO DEPORT THE BLACK HEBREW SECT FROM ISRAEL. IN
THE US TODAY THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BLACKS WHO
IDENTIFY WITH THE SECT AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IT", THE US
JEWISH CONGRESS SECRETARY-GENERAL MR. MARK KLEIN WROTE IN
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A CABLE TO DIMONA MAYOR MK JACQUES AMIR.
THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WILL DISCUSS FUTURE STEPS REGARDING
THE ISSUE, IN THE WAKE OF THE INTERIOR MINISTER'S ANNOUNCE-
MENT THAT THE GLASS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL NOT
BE ADOPTED. A SENIOR INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED
LAST NIGHT THAT IN THE PROJECTED DISCUSSIONS IT IS NOT
UNLIKELY THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF DEPORTING THE SECT FROM
THE FTJYBUNTRY WILL BE RAISED.
MINISTER YOSEF BURG DECLINED TO GO INTO ANY SPECIFICS
BEFORE THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD, ONLY NOTING THAT THE
TOPIC WAS SENSITIVE AND REQUIRED THE UTHOST CARE IN ITS
HANDLING.

VARIOUS CIRCLES IN JERUSALEM BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE
SECT'S DEPORTATION FROM ISRAEL HAS BECOME ALMOST CERTAIN
NOW THAT THE GLASS COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN REJEC-
TED. A SENIOR POLICE OFFICER WHO IS WELL-VERSED IN THE
ISSUE SAID: "THE POLICE ALWAYS HELD AND CONTINUES TO HOLD
THAT THEIR STAY IN ISRAEL MUST NOT BE PERMITTED. THEY
ARRIVED HERE ILLEGALLY AND MANY OF THEM HAVE CRIMINAL



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